

Did you Know...

The violin maker Antonio Stradivari produced his instruments during the Little Ice Age. The colder climate is proposed to have caused the wood used in his violins to be denser than in warmer periods, contributing to the tone of his instruments... maybe.



The Little Ice Age may have inspired the widespread use of buttons and button holes

One of the world's oldest team sports, curling, originated in the 16th century in Scotland, where games were played during winter on frozen ponds and lochs.



There is some evidence to suggest that there is a relationship between the number of extremely cold summer months between 1560 and 1670 and the number of 'witches' burnt at the stake: for each additional cold month, the number of witches executed increased by 12.



North Berwick Witch Trials, 1590